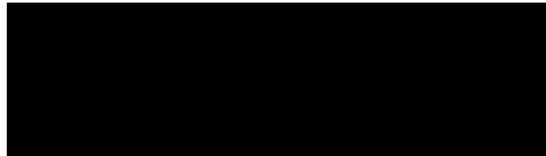


12 July 1950

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I was appalled to find that I had your letter of June 10 still on my desk and still unanswered. In the recent rush of work it simply got mixed in with some papers which I haven't had a chance to go over.

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I ran into [redacted] shortly after your letter arrived and mentioned your name both to him and to the personnel people. Two things seemed clear: (1) you have not been flatly rejected and there is no basic reason for such rejection, and (2) there are no immediate plans which involve you and there is no way for me to tell when such plans might arise. My hunch is that they feel they could use you only under highly specialized circumstances and such a situation has not as yet arisen. When, if ever, it will arise is anybody's guess.

Knowing the tedious process involved in planning and preparation of any such activity, I should think you might be free to assume that for the next six months at the very least you are free to do as you wish. In any case, you can be quite sure that if a call ever comes, it will be at the least convenient moment possible no matter how you plan.

As for myself, we are staying in Washington through the summer and will be happy to see you any time you come through. Harry, of course, is extremely busy which interferes with their summer plans in New England, but Marian will probably get off for part of the time.

We have copies of the papers you submitted, so I am returning that file herewith.

Sincerely,

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